

I-405 Northeast 44th Street Interchange Reconstruction Project

Northeast 44th Street Interchange Access Improvement - A Public-Private Partnership

This project will modify the existing I-405 Northeast 44th Street Interchange to improve capacity, increase safe access to I-405, and provide a safer flow of traffic to local streets.

Why is WSDOT modifying the existing interchange?

To ensure that adequate transportation facilities are in place to support new development at Port Quendall, WSDOT is in a public-private partnership with the city of Renton and area developers to improve the existing I-405/Northeast 44th Street Interchange. WSDOT is also coordinating the design of this project with the I-405 Corridor Program to accommodate the program's design alternatives.

What is happening in the I-405 Northeast 44th Street Interchange, Port Quendall Area?

The City of Renton is seeking to clean up contaminated land along Lake Washington in the Port Quendall area. Cleanup provides an opportunity to transform that land into a mixed-use transit-oriented development.

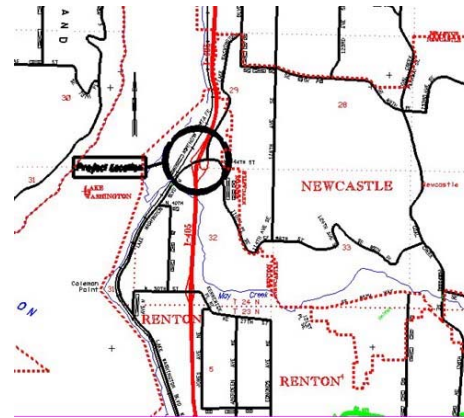
The end result

When finished, the new I-405/Northeast 44th Street Interchange will have greater capacity that will result in faster, safer access to the immediate areas surrounding the interchange.

What are the project timelines?

The project design is currently scheduled for completion by the end of 2002. The scheduled construction start is summer 2003. Dates are subject to change, as construction is not funded.

Project Location Map:



Existing:



Proposed:



How much is the project going to cost and how is it funded?

This project is funded for the predesign, environmental documentation and a portion of the final design. The current overall project cost is estimated at \$74 million. The funding contributions from the local sources indicated in the table below are not yet secured, only the WSDOT contribution is secured. We are still short by approximately \$1.7 million in the 2001-2003 biennium to support the current schedule for completion of all design and right of way acquisition, and prepare for the main construction to begin by 2003. This will require a slowdown of the current preliminary effort if funding does not become available by early 2002.

Expenditure Plan

	Prior Expenditures	Remaining Costs	Total
State and Federal Funds	\$1,090,000	\$2,832,000	\$3,922,000
Funded locally: Local Funds (City of Renton and Developers)		\$3,700,000	\$3,700,000
Funded subtotal	\$1,090,000	\$6,532,000	\$7,622,000
Unfunded amount (include state federal & local)		\$66,411,000	\$66,411,000
Total Cost	\$1,090,000	\$72,943,000	\$74,033,000

Financial data is current as of 9/1/01.

Project Facts:

- Northeast 44th Street bridge will be widened to a total of nine lanes: two eastbound general purpose lanes, two turn lanes to I-405, one eastbound HOV lane, three westbound lanes and one HOV lane.
- Interchange ramps will be rebuilt to add HOV lanes to the on and off ramps.
- 76th Street will be extended across and over I-405 to connect to the local streets in the Port Quendall
- Consulting Engineers: ENTRANCO

How can I get involved?

Your thoughts and opinions are important to us. The City of Renton has held several community meetings since 1996 to talk about the proposed reclamation and redevelopment plan, and the interchange modifications. The Project Design Team held an open house in June 2000 to present the interchange design alternatives under consideration and to solicit comments from the public. Comments by the public at this open house assisted the Project Design Team in narrowing the interchange design into three alternatives.

The public can look forward to more open houses before the final design is completed.

What is being done to protect the environment?

One of the environmental goals of this project is to improve May Creek and Lake Washington by storing and treating I-405 stormwater runoff.

How can I get more information?

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